### Statewide

#### American Civil Liberties Union

The nation's foremost advocate of individual rights litigating, legislating, and educating the public on a broad array of issues. They do not handle criminal cases or civil disputes.

617-482-3170/Boston

www.aclu.org

### Center for Public Representation

Provides representation to individuals with disabilities who reside in psychiatric hospitals and the community. 413-587-6265/ Northampton 617-965-0776/Newtonville

#### Children's Law Center of Massachusetts

Represents children and youth; priorities are child abuse and neglect, runaways, custody and adoption disputes, school matters, special education cases, SSI, access to services for children in DSS and DYS care, access to services for severely handicapped children. 781-581-1977/Lynn

### **Disability Law Center**

Serves as the back up and support center for disability Benefits issues; priorities are assistive technology, civil rights, independence, abuse and neglect, community interests, special education, discrimination. 617-723-8455, 800-872-9992/Boston 617-227-9464, 800-381-0577 (TDD) 413-584-6337, 800-222-5619/Northampton 413-582-6919 (TDD) www.dlc-ma.org

### Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders

Assist callers who have experienced discrimination based on sexual orientation or HIV status or who have questions about the legal rights of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgender people or people with HIV/AIDS.
617-426-1350, 800-455-GLAD
Mon-Fri 1:30-4:30 PM
www.glad.org

# Massachusetts Advocacy Center

(Children's Law Support Project)
Legislative, policy, administrative, and case advocacy
on behalf of children from low-income families in
areas of education, special education, child welfare and
health.

617-357-8431(bilingual)/Boston 617-357-8434 (TTY) www.massadvocates.org

### Massachusetts Attorney General

617-727-2200/Boston 413-784-1240/Springfield 508-990-9700/New Bedford 508-792-7600/Worcester Consumer Hotline: 617-727-8400 www.ago.state.ma.us

#### The Massachusetts Bar Association

Gives free legal help through their Dial-a-Lawyer on the first Wednesday of every month, from 5:30-7:30 PM.

617-338-0610/Boston www.massbar.org

### Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services

MCLS provides civil legal assistance to people incarcerated in Massachusetts's county and state correctional facilities.

617-482-4124/Boston

Accepts calls from prisoners on Mondays from 1-4pm www.mcls.net

### Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee

Provides advice, assistance, referral, and some representation to individuals in the mental health system.

617-338-2345, 800-342-9092/Boston www.mass.gov/MHLAC

# National Lawyers Guild Massachusetts Chapter

Works to advance human and civil rights. Provides legal support to those active in the labor, civil rights, economic rights, international human rights, anti-war, and many other movements.

617-227-7335

www.nlgmass.org

# State Department of Elder Affairs

1-800-243-4636

#### Women's Bar of Massachusetts

Works to establish an equitable legal system, to promote social and economic equity for women, and to meet the legal needs of women and their children through an array of pro bono services.
617-589-9420
www.womensbar.org

### **Central Massachusetts**

### Legal Assistance Corporation of Central MA

Priorities: Domestic Violence/Domestic Relations, Mental Health, Elder Law, Housing, Public Benefits, Disability

508-752-3718, 800-649-3718/Worcester 508-775-3260 (TDD) 978-345-2067/Fitchburg 978-249-3712/Athol 508-765-9290/Southbridge

www.livejustice.org

#### Massachusetts Justice Project

Priorities: Housing, Elderly, Public Benefits, Family Law 508-831-9888, 888-427-8989/Worcester

### **Eastern Massachusetts**

### Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau

Priorities: Social Security and other Benefits, Family Law, Housing, Elder Law 781-893-4793 781-736-9006 (TTY)

# Community Legal Services and Counseling Center

Priorities: Family Law (domestic violence, child abuse, child support, custody, visitation), Housing, Disability Benefits, Immigration (relief for battered women); also has psychological counseling program 617-661-1010/Cambridge 617-661-1216 (TTY) www.clsacc.org

# **Greater Boston Legal Services**

Priorities: Housing/Homelessness, Public Benefits, Family Law (including domestic violence), Mental Health Disabilities, Elder Law, Immigration/Asylum, 800-323-3205 617-371-1234/Boston 617-371-1228 (TDD)

# Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services

617-603-2700/Cambridge 617-494-1757 (TDD) www.gbls.org

### Hale & Dorr Legal Services Center

Priorities: Benefits, 209A restraining orders, guardianships, wills, consumer counseling, debt management, financial planning, taxes, bankruptcies 617-522-3003/Jamaica Plain

#### **Harvard Defenders**

Represents low-income people in criminal show cause hearings and provide referrals.
617-495-4413/Cambridge
www.law.harvard.edu/studorgs/defenders

### Harvard Legal Aid Bureau

A student-run legal services office providing free legal services to low-income people in Middlesex and Suffolk counties. Legal issues include Housing, Domestic relations, public Benefits. 617-495-4408/Cambridge www.law.harvard.edu/studorgs/hlab

# Harvard Legal Services Center

A walk-in clinic that deals with family issues, housing, welfare, employment, SSI, Social Security, and bankruptcy.

617-522-3003/Jamiaca Plain

### Irish Immigration Center

Offers a range of services to all immigrants (not just Irish people) including information and referral, immigration services, employment assistance, and a cross-cultural program.

617-542-7654/Boston

www.iicenter.org

# Legal Advocacy and Resource Center

A primary legal services screening agency for low income people in the Greater Boston area; provides self-help assistance and brief advice on a variety of poverty law topics; refers low income people to other agencies

800-342-LAWS 617-603-1700/Boston www.larcma.org

# Legal Services for Cape Cod and Islands

Priorities: Housing, Welfare, Disability, Medicaid, Medicare, Elder Law, Domestic Violence, Family Law 508-775-7020, 800-742-4107/Hyannis 508-746-2777, 800-585-4933/Plymouth www.lscci.org

# Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition

Provides trainings, advocacy and information to groups.

617-350-5480/Boston

### Merrimack Valley Legal Services

Priorities: Housing, Family Law (priority on Domestic Violence), Elderly 978-458-1465, 800-336-2262/Lowell 978-452-4740 (TDD) 978-687-1177, 800-427-2521/Lawrence 978-689-7275 (TDD) www.mvlegal.org

### Neighborhood Legal Services

Priorities: Housing/Homelessness, Public Benefits, Community Economic Development, Health Care Access, Elder Law, Employment, Family Law (primarily for victims of domestic abuse involving divorce, custody of children, child support, protection from abuse)

781-599-7730, 800-747-5056/Lynn 978-686-6900, 888-657-2889/Lawrence www.neighborhoodlaw.org

### New Center for Legal Advocacy

Priorities: Family law with a focus on domestic violence, Housing, Public Benefits 508-979-7160, 800-244-9023/New Bedford 508-990-7750 (TTY)

# New England School of Law Clinical Law Office

Priorities: Family Law, Social Security, Unemployment, and Consumer Problems 617-422-7380/Boston

### South Middlesex Legal Services

Priorities: Housing, Public Benefits, Disability, Education, Domestic Violence, Elder Law 508-620-1830/Framingham

# Southeastern MA Legal Assistance Corporation

Priorities: Housing, Public Benefits, Education, Employment, Family Law 508-586-2110, 800-244-8393/Brockton 508-676-6265, 800-287-3777/Fall River & Taunton 508-979-7150, 800-929-9721/New Bedford (All numbers voice and TTY)

### Volunteer Lawyers Project of Boston Bar Association

Priorities: Housing, Family Law, Disability/SSI, Consumer/Bankruptcy, Probate/Wills, Tax Issues, Unemployment, assistance to non-profit organizations 617-423-0648/Boston 617-338-6790 (TDD) www.vlpnet.org

# Western Massachusetts

Massachusetts Justice Project

Priorities: Housing, Elderly, Public Benefits, Family Law 413-533-2660/Holyoke (voice & TDD) 800-639-1209

#### Western Massachusetts Legal Services

Priorities: Housing, Elder Law, Public Benefits, Family Law, Employment 413-774-3747/Greenfield 413-584-4034, 800-639-1309/Northampton 413-499-1950, 800-639-1509/Pittsfield 413-781-7814, 800-639-1109/Springfield (voice& TDD)

### **Bar Associations**

Barnstable County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service

508-362-2121/Barnstable

Boston Bar Association's Lawyer Referral System 617-742-0625, 800-552-7046/Boston

# Bristol County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

508-990-1303, 800-647-5151/New Bedford

# Essex County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

978-741-7888, 800-228-2574/Salem

# Franklin County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service

413-773-9839/Greenfield

# Hampden County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service

413-732-4648/Springfield

# Hampshire County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service

413-586-8729/Northampton

# Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

617-654-0400, 800-392-6164, 888-627-7577 617-338-0585 (TDD)

# Middlesex County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service

617-494-4150/Cambridge

Norfolk County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service

617-471-9693/Quincy

# Plymouth County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service

508-584-6600/Brockton

### Worcester County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

508-752-1311, 800-622-9700/Worcester

### **Federal Information Center**

Information about federal agencies and programs 800-688-9889

#### Citizen Information Line

Information about state agencies and programs 800-392-6090

# State Representative and Senators

617-722-2000/State House



#### Massachusetts

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